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## We Cover The District

## Happy New Year

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### Airdrie Farmer Wins at Fair

The Chronicle extends congratulations to Vic Watson, of Airdrie, on his accomplishment of winning prizes at both Toronto and Chicago Winter Fairs.

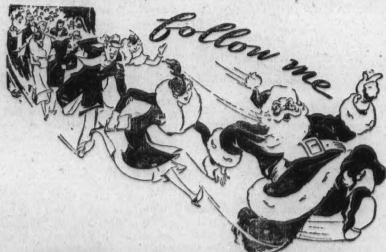
In recognition of Mr. Watson's

efforts a reception will be tendered him, in the Golden Rod Community Hall, on Wednesday evening, January 7, 1938.

It is anticipated that a delegation from the local Board of Trade will be present.

Mr. Watson won in the following classes:

1st and Champion for Oats at Toronto. 2nd prize at Chicago.



Happy New Year  
to all, and the wish  
of Tiny Tim,  
who said,

"God Bless Us Everyone"

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### Anglican Party.

Meeting to round up the year's work, the pupils and teachers of the Anglican Sunday School met in the Armouries Thursday night for a jolly party.

Games and eats whiled away the evening until the arrival of St. Nick, who, breezing in made himself at home and distributed the various presents.

Everyone had a smiling face, and real Yuletide harmony prevailed, for even the oldest joined in the games of London Bridge, Windows-Ring around the Rosie, etc., and a merry time went past all too quickly.

One young lady was heard to remark, why don't Xmas parties come every week. Well, if they did, would we appreciate them so much? Hardly, for it's the coming together of friends in sociability on special occasions that makes us appreciate it, whereas, if we had it too often, we would be with them like everything else, tired of the sameness.

The merry party broke up around nine-thirty, to end a splendid evening.

The winning ticket for the Sewing Circle Raffle, was held by W. Laut.

### Inverlea at Home.

This year the teacher and children of Inverlea School decided to have a Christmas party instead of the usual Concert and Tree, and to invite their mothers, and also their daddies, if they were not too bashful.

Tastefully decorated, the school took on quite a gala appearance to the guests, as they arrived at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, December 23rd.

When everyone had arrived, the party got under way, old and young alike indulged in games and merriment the whole afternoon.

Contests and novelty features, races for children of both school and non school age, brought surprises and happiness to the young hearts gathered in the old school house.

Miss Murdoch then announced that a strange lot of Christmas Beetles had arrived in the building and elicited support to have them exterminated. Everyone lent a hand, and we learn that Miss Margaret Collicutt, being the best shot, took the prize as the most successful hunter, and Mrs. W. Brandon the consolation. However, the Beetles got the worst of it, and are now no more, but, as they were only paper ones, hunting was somewhat easy.

A telegram arrived intimating that Santa Claus could not come, so the gifts were distributed off the tree by a generous, kind-hearted member of the School Board, and he made an admirable pinchhitter for Santa.

Lunch was served, and the children were given a table to themselves, with lovely Xmas cakes, candles, etc., concealed in which were many trinkets, and the howls of glee, when someone discovered one, was worth a King's ransom.

Parting came and all left for their various homes, happy to have met, and sorry to part.

In conversation with some of the ladies who attended, we ascertained this fact, that everyone had a grand time and that the school teacher, Miss Murdoch, is to be warmly congratulated for the efforts she expended on the Inverlea 1937 school Xmas party.

### Floral Xmas Concert.

Entering Floral School last Thursday evening, S.R. was struck by the original style of decorations that adorned the interior.

Opening the programme, Chairman Guy R. Wickerson welcomed the large crowd present, in the name of the school.

The programme introduced a new feature in local school concerts, in that, every item was introduced by a charming Page boy, none other than Mrs. McRae, wife of the Floral school teacher. This idea appealed, and was a nice change from listening to some long drawn-out winded chairman.

Not for one minute are we insinuating that they have this kind in Floral District, but one does meet up with them occasionally.

Harmony singing and vocal numbers were very well done, also the Violin group trained by Mr. McRae. S.R.'s eye was caught by the Drill, called The Soldiers and the Dolls, and to hear him enshrine over this item, well, it must have been good.

As a special request, the school repeated a former number; Strawberry Roan, and many a laugh rippled through the room when Verne Thompson essayed to saddle the wild, snorting, kicking broncho. William Bills applied the coupe-de-grace and Cliff Stafford and Company earned for themselves unstinted praise.

Everything went off as it was intended, moving along like a well-oiled engine, which says much for the teacher, Mr. Ken McRae, and his charming; shall we say better half; we'll risk it.

Congratulations, everyone, and may you be spared to give many more concerts of this nature.

Speculation is rife as to just what was in the great big, tall parcel Santa gave Mrs. McRae, and, as Verne Thompson says, Well, maybe it can be used at Banff.

### United Church Tree.

The United Church Concert and Tree went off very successfully last Wednesday night, when a goodly crowd turned up to witness the efforts of the various children.

Leading the singing was a musical Quintette consisting of Mrs. Murray, pianist; Miss Mildred McNeher and Miss Hunt, violinists, and Messrs. Jack and George Fleming, cornettists.

It was a long and varied programme; Songs, Recitations, Playlets and Drills, and each item as it came and went, earned for itself the appreciation of the audience. The items showed throughout the time and patience spent by the teachers in training the pupils, and also the fine work of the children in carrying out everything as intended.

The Y.P.S. presented a one-act play, entitled "Uncle Joe's Will", and the players featured were Mary Murdoch, Patricia Waterhouse, J. Taylor, Clarke McMillan, L. Sharp, H. Mair, S. Boyd and F. Hoffman. The play was presented very favourably, and outstanding in an excellent cast were Mary Murdoch and Clarke McMillan, the other players gave good support and a creditable performance.

Santa arrived, and being unable to make an entry through the door, chose, as an alternative, the window, much to the amusement of some of the younger fry, who hoped they would see him stick, and that they would get a chance to help pull him through. They were disappointed.

Teachers and children, you deserve high commendation, and it spared for another year, we hope to see you all again and derive some more pleasure from your entertaining efforts.

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### Baptist Gathering

In spite of inclement weather, quite a few people turned out at the Christmas Concert, held in the local Baptist Church, Wednesday, December 22.

Rev. J. H. Pickford opened the programme with a short address. Songs and recitations made up the evening's entertainment, finishing up with a silent drama, entitled "The perfect Gift", after which gifts were distributed to the Sunday School children. Extra bags of candy were available and Joe Fike and Tom Chalmers were some of the fortunate. Everyone went home then, well pleased and smiling.

### Local Pee Wees

Win Nobly at Arena

Taking the Carstairs Pee Wees into Camp, to the tune of 4 to 3, the local Pee Wees swept to victory on Monday afternoon, in a hockey game at the local arena.

Many versions have been given to us on the different plays, but two things we did notice was the three goals taken by Drillon James Stevens and Don Clarke McMillan. Hainsworth Don Stevens, although he had to pick the onion out of the net three times, nevertheless, gave a sterling display of goal-tending. The two teams will tangle next Thursday at Carstairs.

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## The Grade Crossing Hazard

Stories of railway grade crossing crashes relating harrowing details of a one-sided conflict between steam locomotives and automobiles or trucks appear far too often in the columns of the daily press, but frequent as they are, it is a wonder there are not more when one considers the frequency with which drivers of cars take a chance.

There is not much excuse for the tragedies which result from these unequal contests between railway train and gasoline-propelled vehicle, for in the great majority of cases, resulting so often in death and injury, disaster could have been avoided with the observance of only the ordinary care which should be part of the stock in trade of every person handling the steering wheel of a car.

While there are, of course, motorists who observe the rules and take precautions, the number who do not even exercise common sense at railway grade crossings is surprisingly large. If evidence for this statement is required there is ample in the periodic reports of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada.

### A Serious Indictment

These reports give chapter and verse for violations of regulations at what are termed "protected" railway grade crossings in all parts of Canada and these, it must be remembered, are merely the few casual cases observed by inspectors who happen to be on the spot at the time they occur. Thus they only see a few isolated violations on specific dates at the points visited, but these when listed in the Board's report make an imposing indictment against motorists' carelessness.

"Regardless of signals, crossed in front of engine" is the comment registered in the report issued by the Board on December 2, on the actions of 27 drivers at a crossing at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, between April 1 and Sept. 17. Each report records the license number of truck or automobile involved in these cases.

In a report on checks made at one level crossing in Regina, Saskatchewan, at a point where two railway lines enter the city and where warning signals are installed nearly 40 motorists deliberately drove across the tracks in entire disregard of signals between April 7 and July 16. "Moved over crossing when bell ringing and train approaching" is the official citation against the licensee in every case.

At Gladstone, Manitoba, two drivers on October 3 and another on October 7, to quote the checker, "ignored stop signal and crossed ahead of engine to beat train over crossing."

On Sept. 5 the checker reports that the driver of an automobile (license number recorded in the report) "drove over crossing against stop signal and engine only 66 feet away" at a level crossing at Brandon, Manitoba.

Other and similar violations of regulations and safety rules at railway crossings in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta are listed in great profusion in this illuminating document.

### Dangerous Practices

"Dangerous Practice" is the appropriate caption at the head of the column noting these violations and it is not surprising that the Board comments: "Notwithstanding safety devices and cautionary signals people take chances and disregard safety. Motor accidents are becoming more frequent. Every motorist deplores this."

Very properly the Board "hopes that the press will give as much publicity as possible to what is covered in the statement, with the hope that it may educate the motor drivers and others to be more careful at crossings. It," adds the Board, "accidents are to be lessened, the same motorist must educate the culpably negligent motorists."

When one remembers all the publicity that has previously been given to the danger of these practices in the daily and weekly press, over the air and to campaigns warning drivers of the folly of the practice of trying to beat the train to the crossing, one sometimes wonders if there yet remain measures which can be taken to protect the fool against his folly.

If only the culpable driver were involved in the accidents which result from such gross carelessness, concern might not be so great, but unfortunately, too often, the risks which are run by drivers of this ilk spell death or life injury for innocent passengers.

### Worth A Trial

Possibly the Board of Railway Commissioners pointed the best path to reform when it suggested that the same motorist must educate the culpably negligent motorists. This could be done if every sane motorist constituted himself a public safety guardian and reported every case of violation of safety rules to the authorities.

If this measure was supported by penalties involving perhaps a warning on the first report and cancellation or suspension of license for a period of time on second or third reports, it is probable that the toll of death and injury exacted at railway crossings throughout the country might be effectively reduced, if not eliminated altogether. At any rate, it might be well worth a trial.

### An Unusual Record

Never late or absent in the school record of 16-year-old William Brady, of Ottawa. He started to school when he was four and has never been late nor absent during the 12 years. Billy, now in third form in technical school, was presented with a perfect attendance certificate by the School Board for his achievement.

### Refused To Be Censored

The two largest Chinese-language newspapers in Shanghai, the Shun-pao and Takung-pao, ceased publishing rather than submit to Japanese censorship. Both were published in the International Settlement. The Japanese authorities told the editors to submit material for censorship.

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### An Arctic Odyssey

Lone Piece Of Driftwood Threats  
Tortuous Route Of North-west Passage

Tempest-tossed, ice-worn and groined from exposure in Arctic waters, a lone piece of driftwood was picked up in Beloit Strait on Labor Day, September 6, 1937, by the Officer-in-Charge of the Eastern Arctic Patrol, and in due course was brought to Ottawa. Measuring about six inches in diameter and three and a half feet in length, this interesting bit of a small tree was sent to the Forest Laboratories of the Department of Mines and Resources, where it was identified as black spruce. A count of the annual ring indicates that the tree was over one hundred years old before it was uprooted, but it is not the age or size of this satiny-green piece of driftwood that is of interest. The fact that it made the Northwest Passage is what attracts the imagination.

From some forest on the banks of the great Mackenzie river or one of its tributaries, this little spruce tree found its way to the Arctic Ocean, and travelled around the north side of Banks Island and Victoria Island via McClure Strait, McClinton Channel and Franklin Strait to Beloit Strait, which divides Somerset Island from Boothia Peninsula, the most northerly point of the mainland on the North American continent. The definite locality from which it came will never be known, nor the time occupied in its long tortuous journey, but from Beloit Strait to where trees of this size grow is far away, indeed. Beloit Strait by this route is 1,500 miles from the Mackenzie delta and this tree must have started its travels from the Mackenzie river on one of its tributaries, possibly another 2,000 miles from the Mackenzie's mouth. Derived from any other source, it could not have been found in Beloit Strait, as adverse currents render any other route improbable.

The success of this weather-beaten forest fragment in making an Arctic odyssey has won it an honored place in the museum of the Forest Products Laboratories at Ottawa.

### General Foods Employees Will Draw Pay If Sick Or Hurt

Food Company Also Announces New Co-operative Group Life Insurance Plan

Adoption of a non-occupational accident and sickness disability benefit plan for all employees, and a new group life insurance plan, is announced by R. K. McIntosh, Vice-President, General Foods Limited. The cost of non-occupational accident and sickness benefits are borne by the company, while both company and participating employees contribute to the cost of the life insurance. Under the sickness and accident plan, all regular employees are entitled to two weeks of benefits during each year of continuous service. Any unused portions of such yearly benefit credits accumulate from year to year up to a maximum of 26 weeks, provided service is continuous. "A provision of particular interest," said Mr. McIntosh, "is that credits are being allowed for service rendered prior to installation of the plan. These benefits are retroactive, in other words. Our employees right now have accident and sickness benefit credits in their favor ranging up to the maximum of 26 weeks, depending upon length of service and previous non-occupational disability absence."

One week's benefit payments in the case of a salaried employee is his regular weekly salary at the time disability begins. In the case of an hourly-paid employee, the weekly benefit is equivalent to two-thirds of his average weekly pay. Benefits are payable beginning with the first day of disability to salaried employees and with the eighth calendar day of disability to hourly-paid employees.

Participation in the new group life insurance plan is entirely optional, Mr. McIntosh explains. Employees are eligible to participate after six months' continuous service. Insurance coverage approximates an employee's annual pay. Under this new co-operative plan employees contribute 60 cents a month for each \$1,000 of insurance, the corporation assuming the balance of the cost hourly-paid employees and above employee contributions.

The non-occupational accident and sickness plan is now in operation, and the life insurance plan becomes effective January 1, 1938.

The concrete Trenton-New York highway was split in the middle and the halves moved 12 feet apart, making two one-way highways. 2235

## FLIN FLON

"The Story of Its Finding and Position To-day"

By FRANK KUBIN

Here another romance of the Flin Flon began—a romance that turned the tide of affairs for the mine, as in March, 1927, a two hundred ton test mill was completed and the practical problems approached. (This was pictured in last week's paper). That year, science triumphed over the complex ore and late in 1927 the Whitney interests exercised their option and formed the present Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co. The Mining Corporation disposed of 53 per cent of its interest for cash and took shares for the other 47 per cent. The Flin Flon 32 per cent interest was paid for cash, but they made no profit on their venture. In all, \$17,500,000 was raised by the sale of shares; then came a \$5,000,000 bond issue. The Flin Flon plant was a further sum of \$12,000,000 was required to complete the plant and equipment before metal in commercial form was shipped and this did not include the interest earned on money in hand while construction was in progress.

The program of equipping the property called first for an 87-mile railway which a sympathetic government built north from The Pas. Then came a hydro-electric plant on the Churchill River, while at Flin Flon mills, a smelter and refinery, as well as a town were built, which resulted in an initial production being started late in 1930. It is now the British Empire's most northerly metallurgical works, located in the coldest area on the mainland of Canada, where the rainfall is less than that of the Arizona desert, but it well supports the town of Flin Flon, the third largest municipality in Manitoba. All told, about \$30,000,000 was spent in prospecting and bringing the enterprise to the present state of productiveness.

Do you grasp what tenacity, what sheer grit and determination was necessary to make this enormous natural resource available to the world, and what it means to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Canada as a whole to-day?

I'll try to tell you as we go along and to paint a picture you all can understand.

I Actually See Flin Flon—Below Above And Outdoors

You may have your idea of how mining is done but I'm sure your first visit to a really large mine and its surrounding town will be a surprise to you, as it was to me.

I have been through all sorts of manufacturing plants from macaroni to motor cars, match-making to chocolate dipping, but I was totally unprepared for the orderliness, the healthfulness and the friendliness of Flin Flon.

From Winnipeg, Man., to Flin Flon is 574 miles (see C.N.R. time table) and it takes you from the morning of one day till early afternoon of the next to get there. The train is not air-conditioned, though it should be as it's a fine pay, heavily loaded train each way.

The scenic beauty of the trip is not to be missed although from Cranberry Portage on it's rather wild and pretty.

All the way up to Flin Flon, through The Pas, Hudson Bay Junction, Cranberry Portage, etc., I'd like to make no comment is possible at Flin Flon. There are almost 1,000 men on waiting lists, so don't rush up expecting a job.

Original camp—1928—situated on the East edge of the present Open Pit.

### The Lowly Weeds

Are Used For Decoration in City Of Flowers

President, California, the city of flowers, famed for its annual rose festival, has turned to weeds for household decoration.

Two professional decorators first saw the esthetic possibilities of neglected plants along California roadsides. Their experiments gradually attracted attention and members of the art and social colony tried their hands at weed arrangements.

Even two miners who told me they were going to Sheraton and said they had formerly worked at Flin Flon, said they hadn't a complaint to make, although one chap did say, "I want to get where there's no smelter." The other one said he hadn't been "killed" by a diamond drill nor directly employed by the company and his work had finished.

The Town Of Flin Flon Is Growing Mightily Fast!

Once arrived, though, I got quite a shock at the extent of the town, which is built on solid boulders of rock—at least most of it is.

The Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Company which mines the Flin Flon, originally intended the town site to be about four miles from the mine, with a work train taking men to and fro, but because of the delay occurring after negotiations with the Federal Government fell through when the Natural resources were returned to each province, workmen started erecting their houses close to the mines and the movement grew too fast to be stopped.

There is no paved sidewalk, no paved street, but there is lots and lots of dust. I was told, however, that paving of some of Main Street was contemplated for the near future.

And Then The Fire Siren Sounded!

Well, we saw the main street, both sides in 15 minutes, and were just back near the station when the fire siren sounded. I'll tell this story separately under the heading "Ring the fire dog of Flin Flon."

On this main street you'll note the usual "false fronts" of the West on some of the stores, but let me tell you they do a real business.

Restaurants are mainly Chinese, well equipped, large, and run 24 hours daily. The staff of white girls is large in number, and all are good-looking and very well behaved. Many marry the single miners.

I looked for some roughness, drinking, etc. It may have been that way at first when construction was under way, but not now. In fact it was disappointingly orderly.

I went into restaurants at midnight, at two and three in the morning, but it was always the same, lots of people around, but orderly. The young waitresses were putting up lunch boxes, whole rows of them, for the men going underground. Each man left a list of what he wanted and this was popped into the metal box along with a vacuum container of coffee.

At each place, Mine, Smelter, Zinc plant, etc. there are "change houses." Each man has a steel locker in which he puts his town clothes. He reaches up and pulls down by a cord his mine clothes which have been suspended from the ceiling, from a number of years, and steel chain to dry out between shifts.

When he comes off shift, he reaches the procedure. He has a not shower bath, puts on his good clothes and goes home to rest.

Next week we get into the mine itself—don't miss this trip!

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Buffalo meat for dinner is a novelty, and many persons serve it as though doing so is as unique as would be serving bird's nest soup. Eating it invites a habit formed, for its fat continues to tell the ruggedness of the beasts from which it is cut—Winnipeg Free Press.

The meat has little, if any, of the game-taste of meat from other wild animals, such as has that of moose or bear. Probably most persons are likely to get too little of it to dull a taste for it, as does other game soon palled on the palate and satiate the hunger of persons obliged to eat such game for any continued length of time.

Buffalo meat gives the impression that it can be eaten and endured in a dietary next longest to beef. It used to be, when the men of the West fed off most more completely than do men of the West in these more vegetarian times. They did not fare badly either, so long as the roaming herds gave them their fresh meat, for its fat continues to tell the ruggedness of the beasts from which it is cut—Winnipeg Free Press.

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"Do you know what you are?"

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"Ah don't know, boss," he replied, "but it wasn't nothing serious."

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### Dr. Bruce Is Honored

Ontario's Retired Lieutenant-Governor Hopes To See Fruition Of His Plans For Old Age

Ontario's retired Lieutenant-Governor, Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, confided to 1,000 distinguished men at a banquet in his honor at Toronto that he had "dreamed of no castles in Spain nor did I covet a mansion in Rome when I accepted the Vice-Royal office more than five years ago."

The noted surgeon, who retired from the Lieutenant-Governorship Nov. 30, was presented with an illuminated address on behalf of the province and cheered to the echo by representatives of the political, religious, academic, professional and business life of Ontario attending the dinner.

The occasion was "the greatest hour of my career, when my fellow citizens have conspired so effectively to demonstrate their love and respect." He hoped he would see fruition of many plans he had spoken of during his term.

The then Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, had prevailed upon him to accept the office in 1932 and Dr. Bruce quoted the words Mr. Bennett used in urging his acceptance: "In time of war you did not hesitate to serve your country. It is an offering you are making to us in time of peace."

"As I look back I see the position I have held as that of one in a high tower from which, looking out, one sees many things," Dr. Bruce said. "From time to time I have thought fit to make public declaration of what I have seen—to cry, as it were, from a housetop that people might hear and, hearing give heed."

Dr. Bruce said he had seen an opportunity to serve his public speeches dealt with alums and "heart-rending scenes in Canadian cities and towns where poverty and dilapidation are even now in dark contrast against all that human beings deem most precious and therefore most dearest."

Dr. Bruce said he hoped his addresses on slum-clearance, the mental defects and their causes, proper taxation, health insurance and other matters had aroused interest. He hoped his plans would be carried out successfully.

Proposing a toast to the retired Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Thomas White said: "By common consent of all classes of the community he is acknowledged to have discharged the duties of his office during an exceedingly trying period, all that human beings deem most precious and therefore most dearest."

In his sympathetic interest in the economic activities and welfare of the province, Dr. Bruce had made a strong contribution and achieved a success "most warmly and justly acclaimed by his fellow-citizens."

### Buffalo For Dinner

Find Buffalo Steaks To Be Very

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## MAY STRENGTHEN NAVAL FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

London.—The British government was reported considering the possibility of reinforcing its naval forces in the far east as a means of stopping Japanese attacks on British vessels. No decision has been reached, it is understood.

The cabinet considered the question. Some newspapers said the ministers decided the easing of the Mediterranean situation now would permit substantial naval reinforcements in the Orient.

While the government was said to be waiting to see what the United States intended to do following Japanese attacks on British and United States ships, a movement was reported under way among members of the House of Commons to urge despatch of more warships to Chinese waters.

Advocates of the step, who are not grouped along party lines, contended the fleet reinforcement would rehabilitate British prestige. Recall of Rear Admiral Teizo Mitsumori, Japan's chief of naval operations in China, gave Great Britain a measure of hope the Anglo-American protest had moved Japan.

Angus, member of the commission, asked during the presentation of the Saskatchewan board of trade brief by Mr. MacMillan.

The answer was given by Andrew Leslie, city commissioner of Saskatoon, who said: "We are not here to suggest that further taxes be imposed but that some of the burden be transferred to other shoulders."

Mr. Leslie specified the Dominion government. "What taxes are you thinking of their increasing?" Dr. Angus asked.

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Would Have Federal Government Establish Credit Corporation

Regina.—Establishment by the Dominion government of a credit corporation to take over all farm mortgages and give to the loan companies debentures on a three per cent. basis in return for their agreement to accept a reasonable settlement of the farm debts, was proposed in the brief of the Saskatchewan board of trade before the Rowell commission.

The Saskatchewan board of trade brief was presented by F. R. MacMillan, president, and a brief on behalf of the Regina board of trade was submitted by L. A. Thornton, president.

The briefs of the two boards of trade were in agreement on many points, both supporting the contention of the Saskatchewan brief that the income tax and succession duties should be administered entirely by the Dominion.

Both board of trade briefs also protested the burden of taxation which had in cases been required to bear and suggested that these could be lightened if the municipalities were not asked to extend certain services they were at present providing.

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## SAYS RAILWAY SITUATION IS FAR FROM HOPELESS

Boston.—To meet the Canadian National Railways deficit this year, "a little less than \$40,000,000" will be required from the federal treasury, Transport Minister C. D. Howe told an audience here. Gross earnings will exceed \$200,000,000, the minister said, the best showing of the railway in several years.

(The C.N.R. deficit last year, as stated in the budget of Finance Minister Dunning, was \$43,000,000. In the estimates for 1937-38, the current fiscal year, \$35,000,000 was appropriated for the railway deficit which, apparently, will be somewhat short of meeting it.)

Addressing the Boston Canadian club at the annual ladies' night dinner, Mr. Howe gave a picture of Canada's publicly owned utilities under his direction as transport minister. It was a homecoming for Mr. Howe who was born in Waltham, grew up and obtained his education here, and still retains a residence in Massachusetts.

While, serious, Canada's railway problem was "far from hopeless," Mr. Howe said, Canada's National system alone had 24,000 miles of railways, which, considered on the basis of population, was twice that of the United States and four times that of any other country. Yet freight rates were the lowest in the world per ton mile "and must remain so in the national interest."

"Hopes for the future lie in return of the prairie provinces to production," the minister said, "and in the continued development of our mining, lumbering and manufacturing."

"Through the depression years it has been necessary to suspend immigration, but it is hoped that return to more normal times will permit resumption of selective immigration."

By July 1, next, Canada's new trans-Canada air service would be in full operation," the minister said, (it was presumed he referred to the Montreal-Vancouver section.)

This main-line service route would have connections with the United States from Boston to Montreal, New York to Montreal, Minneapolis to Winnipeg, Great Falls, Montana, to Lethbridge, and Vancouver to Seattle.

Air services now reaching northern districts which include three-quarters of the Dominion with no other form of modern transportation, linked with the trans-Canada system would bring "a network of air lines that will provide rapid transportation to any part of the Dominion."

During the past year, Mr. Howe said, Canadian air services handled 15,000 tons of freight, more than was carried in the United States, the British Isles and France combined. In addition they carried 250,000 passengers and considerable mail.

## NEW AMBASSADOR



The resignation of William E. Dodd from his post as ambassador to Germany, expected in January, will result in the appointment of Hugh Wilson, former minister to Switzerland, as Nazi envoy, according to reports from Washington.

## Parliament Opening

The Date Has Been Set For January 27th

Ottawa.—Parliament will open Jan. 27 and many political observers prophesy it will be one of the most interesting sessions of recent years. Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced the date and the necessary proclamation will be published in the Canada Gazette.

Possibility that during the session the preferences on the British market enjoyed by Canada since the 1932 imperial economic conference may be at stake in trade negotiations between United States and United Kingdom lends added interest to speculation on the parliamentary program.

Last year parliament met Jan. 14 and was prorogued late on the evening of April 10 because of the coronation.

This year there is nothing in sight that would give any reason for speed. It is known that the government plans a short legislative program but it may contain measures of great importance that will tend to make a long session.

## Power Export Question

Toronto.—Premier Mitchell Hepburn, of Ontario, announced that unless the federal government agrees to permit the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission to export surplus power to the United States, the Ontario government, with support of Quebec, will challenge the validity of federal legislation imposing the prohibition on export.

## Fear Seed Shortage

Supplies For Spring Sowing Said To Be None Too Plentiful  
Ottawa.—Supplies of seed for spring sowing on Canadian farms are none too plentiful, according to information reaching the department of agriculture.

In most parts of the country there is sufficient seed grain to meet requirements providing it is not sold and shipped out between now and seeding. There is, however, a definite shortage of alfalfa and red clover seed and supplies of other clover and grass seeds are none too plentiful.

In the drought areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, 6,000,000 bushels of wheat, 4,300,000 bushels of oats and 1,100,000 bushels of barley will be required for seed.

Fair crops were harvested in areas of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, but the seed of this surplus, if obtained without delay, would be sufficient to meet the seed shortage.

## Want Referendum

People Of United States Want Voice On War Matters

Washington.—The United States house of representatives at the insistence of advocates of peace, decided upon early consideration of a constitutional amendment requiring the government to obtain approval of the people in a referendum before declaring war.

Signatures of 10 members completed the necessary 218 required to take the proposal away from the house rules and judiciary committees. The latter has been considering it intermittently for more than a year.

## JAP ATTACKS ON BRITISH SHIPPING MUST NOW CEASE

London.—Great Britain has demanded of Japan information "that measures have actually been taken" to "put a definite stop" to incidents that endanger British lives and property in China.

The government released the text of a note from Foreign Secretary Eden to the Japanese foreign minister, Koki Hirota, which reviewed the long series of attacks on British ships and declared "it is clear that steps hitherto taken by the Japanese government to prevent such attacks have so far failed in that purpose."

Issuing of the text followed a warning by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons that failure to stop attacks on British shipping would strain the relations of the two countries.

At a long cabinet meeting it was understood the entire Far Eastern situation was reviewed. It was understood the cabinet considered the strength of the royal navy in Chinese waters and decided the position there must remain under constant observation.

Financial circles were represented as disturbed by the prospect of Japanese military operations around Canton and other Chinese territory neighboring Hong Kong.

The note to Tokyo said attacks by Japanese aircraft and land forces on British merchant shipping at Wuhu and near Nanking on Dec. 12 "clearly raise grave issues."

"At Wuhu a British tug which had conveyed from Nanking His Majesty's consul, the British military attaché and flag captain to the British rear admiral (the Yangtze command), was attacked by Japanese machine-gun fire after transferring these officers to H.M.S. Ladybird."

The Ladybird herself, the British merchant ship Suvo and H.M.S. Bee all were fired upon. The note said there were "four direct hits" on the Ladybird with one naval rating, T. N. Loneragan, killed, another rating seriously wounded and three minor casualties, including the flag captain.

The commander of H.M.S. Bee landed to protest and was informed by Colonel Hashimoto, senior Japanese military officer then at Wuhu, that the firing on the warships was due to a mistake, but that he had ordered to fire on every ship on the river," the note continued.

"At a later interview the same officer stated categorically that if any ships moved on the river they would be fired on and, despite protests, H.M.S. Bee and Ladybird, after berthing, remained covered by guns at point blank range."

"Near Hsia-Sanshan, above Nanking, where British merchant ships were concentrating in a part of the river previously designated by the Japanese commander-in-chief as a safety zone, three separate bombing attacks were made by Japanese aircraft on them and H.M.S. Cricket and Scarab, which were with them."

## SHOW OPPOSITION TO FORMATION OF A CENTRAL BLOC

Quebec.—An alliance between Canada's five eastern provinces was seen as "desirable" by Premier Maurice Duplessis, whose reported statement that the east would "not be run for the western provinces" brought rebuke from the west and denial of any impending central bloc.

The head of Quebec's Union Nationale government, back in the capital after his speech in Shawinigan Falls, Que., stirred up nationwide reaction, had nothing further to say on his proposal.

Premier Duplessis did not go into details on his suggestion for the eastern alliance. He was quoted as saying at Shawinigan Falls that "we in the province, and in Ontario and in the Maritime provinces, have decided that we will not be run for the western provinces." He added: "We are tired of it."

From the Atlantic to Pacific, provincial premiers responded immediately. Liberal Premier Angus L. Macdonald of Nova Scotia said his government had "never been consulted about an alliance between Quebec, Ontario and the Maritime provinces." Nor had that province entered any agreement that they would not be "run" by the west.

Premier A. A. Dwyer of New Brunswick, and Premier Thane Campbell of Prince Edward Island, both Liberals, said, too, they knew nothing of any projected alliance. His province had "no intention of entering any union," the island premier declared.

In Ontario, Premier Mitchell Hepburn had just announced he and Duplessis were prepared to challenge in the courts the federal legislation under which permission of the federal government was necessary for export of surplus electrical power to the United States. Their agreement on the power question was reached at a conference in Montreal.

At that meeting also, the Ontario and Quebec premiers were reported to have agreed on similar submissions to the royal commission on Dominion-provincial relations.

Part of Mr. Duplessis' Shawinigan Falls remarks were made as an introduction to a banquet speech delivered by Arthur B. Purvis, head of the National Employment Commission. When Mr. Purvis noted there existed as yet no agreement on employment offices, the Quebec premier said there should be no national employment offices, "for we will not be burdened with the west."

Western retorts also bounced back. T. D. Pattullo, Liberal premier of British Columbia, said that Pacific coast province, far from being a burden of any kind upon Canada, had been "the most luscious morsel for the good old provinces of Ontario and Quebec."

He added that, through the operations of the tariff and freight rates, British Columbia was contributing between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 yearly to Quebec and Ontario in adverse trade balance.

## Had Wrong Answers

Applicant For Naturalization A Little Hazy About English Language

Edmonton.—When Mr. Justice T. M. Twiesdale asked an applicant for naturalization about the weather at his farm home, the Polish immigrant said he had "five cows, a couple of horses and had harvested a good crop."

The applicant, apparently prepared to demonstrate his knowledge of the English language, began giving the wrong answers in Alberta supreme court chambers when Mr. Justice Twiesdale altered the usual order of questions.

The immigrant was told to learn the English language and apply again in a year.

## Toys Not Amusing

Fun Has Even Been Taken Out Of Building Blocks

New York.—Ghost of Christmas Past sighed his way through New York's various toylands and yearned for the time when toy-makers filled fun with "goldsmiths."

Even building blocks have become serious. So building blocks for 1938 construction won't come tumbling down when they reach skyscraper proportions, they are made with grooves so as to stay in place.

The present United States Christmas tree is valued at \$225,000,000, a seven-year peak for the American toy industry.



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## THE NEW YEAR

WHATEVER the past year may have meant to you, make it dead history. But let the new year be a living issue. With a big, fresh sponge, dripping with the clear water of forgiveness, wipe clean the slate of your heart. Enter the year with a kind thought for every one. You need not kiss the hand that smote you, but grasp it in cordial good feeling, and let the electricity of your own resolves find its connecting current—which very often exists where we think it not. Make the new year a happy one in your home; be of good disposition; carry your cares easy; let your heart be as sunshine, and your life will give warmth to all around you. And thus will you and yours be happy.—L.H.J.

## L'Envoi.

POSSIBLY for the last time it will be our privilege and pleasure to greet the many Chronicle readers through these columns, as events having transpired to take us to other fields in our endeavours to fit into this scheme of things called "Life".

It is with sincere regret that we sever our connections with these columns, and extend at this time our thanks and deep appreciation for the many, many courtesies given us during our regime of management. We feel that You Folks who have been so friendly to us, and who have favoured us with much good-will during the past two years, are our friends, and that these friendly relations now existing, will be permanent, and that we will carry with us always, something that can never be eradicated from our memory, "The many Friends in Crossfield and surrounding Districts".

It has been a pleasure to serve you, and all times, we strived to give you of our best, and if we, like other humans, have slipped occasionally, we ask that these be forgotten and overlooked.

On behalf of the new management, Mr. G. E. Wall, we bespeak a continuance of your valued patronage and business, and can assure you that he will continue to give you a high-class paper. Mr. Wall has had many years experience in the Printing trade and on news papers, and he will see to it that the Chronicle as heretofore, since its inception in 1907, continues to boost for the communities it serves.

In saying, "Au Revoir" may we be permitted to say, in conclusion, "May the New Year bring each and everyone of you a new measure of Progress and Prosperity".

A real friendly spirit permeates our community, and grows better day by day.

Let us keep that which we have, and in the true spirit of co-operation, work one with the other throughout the year that lies before us all.

G. Y. McLEAN

## Greetings.

THE former Editor, G. Y. McLean, having accepted an offer with the Macleod Gazette, and intends leaving shortly for that point to take over his new duties. The business has been taken over by the writer, and we bespeak a continuance of the support accorded Mr. McLean.

We assure you that the high traditions of the Crossfield Chronicle, set by the former Editor, will be carried on. Projects whereby Crossfield will derive benefits, will be continually boosted for. The new slogan of the Crossfield Chronicle will be, "If it's for the benefit of Crossfield and District, the Chronicle will boost".

Trusting that our many years of experience will help to keep the Chronicle and Crossfield well posted, and the high standard of both maintained.

Once again, we solicit your friendly patronage and support.

G. E. WALL



If you come away from a masquerade ball with a pink and tinsel fairy and on bidding her good night at a rear door and find she has chapped hands that smell of pots, precious little romance remains to your adventure. But what a shock it must be for a man who has never seen his fiancée except in a rousing bathing suit, stunning tailor-made or exquisite décolleté gown, to wake up some morning and behold his wife crouched before the mirror in a rumpled nightgown trying to pin up her disheveled hair.

## School Exam. Results.

### ROOM I

To take the place of standing, graded by a number, I have used this system of marks referring to Progress:

- A Superior
- B Better than average
- C Average
- D Barely passing
- F Failure

F. GOUGH, Teacher

Grade 1	
Mary Fieldhouse.....	A
Stanley Lim.....	B
Gerald Hurt.....	B
Bruce Wood.....	B
Howard High.....	B
Shirley Reeves.....	B
Audrey Devins.....	B
Donald McCaskill.....	B
Enid Lind.....	C
Clara Wittke.....	C
John Wood.....	F

### Grade 2

Isobel Wood.....	A
Lorne Patmore.....	B
Warner Fieldhouse.....	B
Harold High.....	B
Raymond Patmore.....	B
John Berge.....	C
Patsy Stevens.....	D

### Grade 3

Barbara High.....	B
Ruby Lee.....	B
Murray Hurt.....	B
Gordon Fox.....	B
Mary Karen Edlund.....	B
David Gilson.....	C
Robert McCaskill.....	C
Eunice Harrison.....	C
Mervin Lind.....	D
Ralph Lind.....	D

### ROOM II

Grade 6	
Marquerite Billo.....	88
Kieth Bannister.....	87
Coreli Fieldhouse.....	85
Mervin Patmore.....	81
Douglas Hoover.....	74.7
Maxine Mair.....	71
Camaron Carmichael.....	70
Lloyd Johnson.....	69
Alice Hall.....	67
Ernest Butler.....	62
Percy Blough.....	61
Gordon Reeves.....	60
Vivian Lind.....	50

### Grade 5

Donald Stevens.....	83
Lorraine Fieldhouse.....	82.8
Donald Ryan.....	81.7
Helen Hurt.....	81.2
Laurotta Fike.....	79.8
Lawrence McCool.....	75.6
Norman Patmore.....	75
Lois Gordon.....	73.8
Reggie Belshaw.....	70
Arthur Berge.....	69.7
Alice Gilson.....	65.7
Neils Neilson.....	65
Kenneth Belshaw.....	60.4

### Grade 4

Marvin Fieldhouse.....	75.6
Judith Berge.....	74.8
Berwyn Patmore.....	74.7
Gerald Butler.....	72
Fern Patmore.....	68
Doris Patmore.....	64.6
Gordon Wood.....	65.2
Karl Neilson.....	61
Winnifred Carmichael.....	40
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Maxine Reeves.....	69.3

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## United Church to Observe Prayer Week

The final meeting of the Crossfield Young People's Society for 1937, which took the form of a social evening, was held at the home of Miss Kathleen Fitzpatrick, on December 13. The first meeting of the new year, a devotional meeting, will be held in the United Church, at 8:00 p.m., on Monday, January 3rd. A cordial invitation is extended to the General Public.

For many years the first week of the New Year has been the occasion of a "Week of Universal Prayer". The Young People's Society is inviting all young people and resident ministers, also all members of teen age groups and classes, all older folks to attend this interdenominational gathering and form a link in chain of Universal Prayer.

## Missing Letter Competition

1 year's subscription to Chronicle  
Mrs. W. Kursteiner; 1 Bill Fold,  
Mrs. A. Dutlie; 1 box Stationery,  
Mrs. Willis; 1 Knife, Catherine  
Leask.

## Watch-Nite Service At Baptist Church

No better way to begin the New Year than to join us in our Watch-Nite service, on December 31st, from 10 p.m. until a few minutes past twelve: Our Young People are taking a prominent part in this service with special singing and short messages. This promises to be an unique service. Our cordial welcome is extended to all, especially would we welcome the Young People of the town. Join us in this praise and prayer service.

## Advance Notices

Dec. 31: School Fair Dance.  
Jan. 3: Week of Universal Prayer, at United Church.  
Jan. 10: Local Bonspiel.  
Jan. 12: Floral Local U.F.W.A. meeting.  
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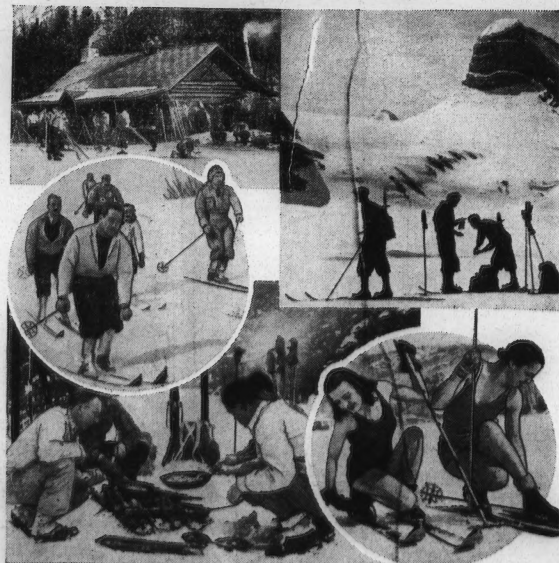
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## Skiing Across Canada



Pleasure and competitive skiing now rank high among the major winter sports throughout Canada. The keen sunbathing winter days call thousands to the trails, from the Maritime Provinces in the east to British Columbia in the west. The Canadian Pacific Railway is contributing in large measure to the development of ski areas, both in the east and

in the west. From Montreal and eastern United States thousands travel on the "Ski Specials" to the Laurentians each week-end and on the prairies and in British Columbia other thousands visit Banff, Sunshine Valley and other Canadian Pacific resorts for the winter season. Layout shows the upper left, the ski club on Grouse Mountain, Vancouver; upper right,

skiers halting for a breather on a high pass above Sunshine Valley, Canadian Rockies; middle left is a group of Winnipeg enthusiasts on one of the ski trails south of that city, and lower left shows Laurentian Mountain enthusiasts preparing luncheon on the trail. Lower right are two ultra-enthusiasts-object, the famous Laurentian sun-lan.

# Defence Plans Of Canada Include Fortification Of The Pacific And Atlantic Coasts

The Canadian government's scheme for the fortification of the Pacific and Atlantic coasts has been revised completely, Defence Minister Mackenzie told the Canadian Military Institute at a banquet in his honor at Toronto.

"In accordance with the announced policy of the government, we are paying particular attention to the defence of our coasts," he said in his prepared speech. "At the present we are concentrating on expenditures on the Pacific coast for strategic reasons which you will all appreciate."

"New armament has been ordered and the construction of new fortifications at Esquimalt, Vancouver and York Island are actually under way. It is hoped that funds may be available to enlarge this program and place orders for further equipment next year."

Mr. Mackenzie said the most important factor in coastal defence was an adequate air force with a three-fold obligation to co-operate with the militia in air observation for fixed gun defences, co-operate with the navy for protection of Canada's sea-borne trade and neutrality and to defend against air attack.

In order to perform these duties reconnaissance aircraft, torpedo bomber aircraft are required and being supplied as "expeditiously as circumstances permit," the minister stated.

"Our defence policy has been most carefully thought out and will be implemented as funds can be provided," he said. "All, which we have in mind, cannot be carried out in one year or two or even three. It is no policy of aggression but is one for our national security and for the protection of our neutrality."

"The need for adequate defence has been re-awakened in the minds of our fellow citizens, and I feel that they wish us to proceed."

"The peace of the world is precarious. Nations in Asia and Europe are at war and it will take the united efforts of all peace-seeking powers to avert a major war, the consequences of which are beyond imagination. During this period of stress and anxiety Great Britain has, as always, shouldered very great responsibilities. She should and must be supported in her struggles in this regard."

The minister said the federal government was attempting to "replenish our meagre stock of munition and exhaust our resources for industrial mobilization, if need be, is being carried out."

Gas masks are being manufactured in Canada and the defence department is negotiating for anti-aircraft guns with ancillary equipment, he stated.

Negotiations also are being pressed for obtaining an adequate supply of Bren guns and the possibility of manufacturing them in Canada is being studied. One hundred and two modern service aircraft are being built, some in Canada.

The militia has been re-organized along modern lines to provide a balanced force of all arms, Mr. Mackenzie said. A defence committee of the cabinet has been set up and an inter-departmental committee on profits control has been named to ensure there will be no profiteering in munition and armament contracts in Canada.

"Production capacity of our Quebec arsenal has recently been increased and a larger amount of small arms ammunition and tracer ammunition is being provided annually. The equipment at the arsenal has been increased for the manufacture of gun ammunition up to 4.5 inches and a gauge plant, long desired, has been installed."

"Arrangements for the manufacture of certain types of shell in civil factories in this country have been completed and ensure the possibility of rapid expansion in the event of any grave emergency."

"Our study of the means of provision, from Canadian sources, of suitable vehicles for military purposes is advancing rapidly. We have had military trucks built to war office specifications with shortened wheelbases, special service bodies and very large tires. They have passed the necessary tests and we hope to place orders in the very near future for a considerable number. These vehicles take the place of the general service wagon for front line transport."

Mr. Mackenzie said the government was endeavoring to have as much military equipment as possible made in Canada by Canadian labor. "We are encountering difficulties in the carrying out of our policy and in procuring our equipment. In this

regard we do not stand alone as Great Britain and all the dominions have the same problem to face. Great Britain is busy with her own rearmament program. . . . Some of our equipment must be bought from the motherland and deliveries are necessarily slow."

Building up of an adequate air force is a slow process as the Canadian aircraft industry is not sufficiently well equipped to permit rapid headway, he said.

He appealed to employers to assist the government program by permitting employees belonging to the militia to attend the short period of annual military training "in security and with their normal pay."

## Impossible To Define

No Dictionary Really Tells Us What Happiness Is

When he started out upon his last voyage, Ramsay MacDonald, ex-premier of Britain, remarked that he was seeking "the most elusive of all forms of happiness—rest. The word 'elusive' implies pursuit, and it is probably true of most forms of happiness that they flee when pursued. Certainly the man who is forced by his health to find what happiness he may in resting from all the activities which have made life worth while is not likely to regard the project with much pleasure."

But what is happiness? One dictionary says it is "the pleasurable experience that springs from the possession of good." Too often, in the minds of men, the word "good" is pluralized, and happiness is sought in the possession of "goods." In fact another dictionary definition of happiness is "good fortune or luck in life or in a particular affair; success; prosperity." That is the first definition in the largest English dictionary in the world, but it is hardly an acceptable definition. A man may be prosperous yet live in misery of soul. Still another dictionary definition is: "the gratification of the desires or relief from pain or evil"; and another, "the state of pleasurable content of mind which results from the attainment of what is considered good."

The fact is, it is impossible to define happiness. There is a happiness of the body known as "comfort," but some of the happiest people have been without this boon. There is a happiness of the mind known as contentment, but for many people happiness seems to lie in a "divine discontent." For some, happiness is identical with their daily work. But perhaps the greatest happiness of all is found in usefulness—in the bringing of some measure of happiness to others. It is for that reason that the season of the christmases, known as the happiest of the year.—Toronto Star Weekly.

## Apples A Popular Fruit

Consumption In England Was Much Higher During 1935

Apples are the most popular fruit in Great Britain, according to a report of the Imperial Economic Committee. In 1936 the consumption was 29 pounds per capita, an increase of six pounds over 1935. In the earlier year oranges were most desired, but consumption was affected by the war in Spain. The banana had a phenomenally successful year, more than 20,000,000 bunches being imported—a record.

## An All-White Accident

A truck owned by J. Oliver White and driven by Carson White collided with a car owned by John White, and driven by his son, William White. The accident occurred in front of the home of Mrs. J. E. White in Wilson, N.C. The officer who investigated was Robert A. White. To make the record complete, the truck was painted white and it was loaded with milk.

The piano was not a covert instrument until after 1825. At that time an inventor perfected the full iron piano plate, permitting longer strings with greater tension, thus overcoming the lack of volume.

Until quite recently, there was a "man's land" in Switzerland. A small triangular acreage was set aside more than 100 years ago as a refuge for wayfarers "without a country."

It was always the policy of the late George Horner Lorimer, in the years he edited the Saturday Evening Post, to quit printing a series of articles when they were at the peak of their popularity, 2234

## SNOW TIES UP TRAFFIC IN WELAND



Weland was badly snowed under by the heavy fall which blanketed Southern Ontario recently. This photograph shows two young ladies wondering how to surmount the huge drift which blocks the sidewalk and almost completely covers the parked automobile.

## Depends On Outlook

People Can Overcome Ill-Health To Certain Extent

Are you a person who enjoys poor health? There are many such. At least they seem to take certain satisfaction out of telling their friends and neighbors just how poorly they are. Such an attitude of mind is not likely to help one to be well. People should will to be well and adopt an outlook on life which refuses to accept poor health as something inevitable or a subject to talk about as if it were an asset.

Telling yourself and others about your physical or mental ailments may appear to enlist a certain amount of sympathy, but that is really poor comfort. It is not likely to produce in you a feeling of well-being.

Don't make the most of your ills. Crowd them out of your brain if you possibly can. The way to harbor ills and make the most of them is to keep on talking about them. If you are determined to be well you must adopt an optimistic cheerful outlook—minimize your troubles, laugh at them, will to be well, and see what a help it can be to you and your happiness.

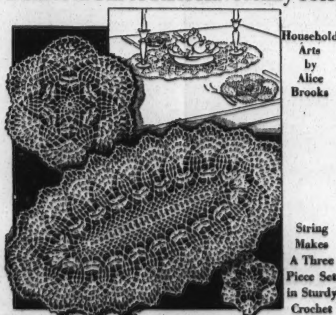
## Trying To Tame Lions

Lecturer In Anatomy Believes Kindness Is Best Way

Dr. R. H. Hunter, lecturer in anatomy and embryology at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, is giving demonstrations of his theory that lions can be tamed by kindness. Smartly dressed in evening clothes, with tails and white tie, and a yellow carnation in his buttonhole, he enters a cage containing two forest-bred lionesses. He is armed with only a long-handled brush and a light forked stick. Usually the lionesses snarl at him, but he makes them do a few simple tricks, occasionally fogging them with the brush. He believes that the cracking of whips only infuriates the lions.

The complete opening of a rice flower has been known to take place in 30 seconds. The bloom lasts from two to three hours.

## Doilies In Three Sizes Have Many Uses



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# Physical Limitations Placed On Large Scale Irrigation Projects In Western Canada

## Land Cultivation

Spring Ploughing Best Method For Yield And Weed Control

In the 1936-37 annual report of the Dominion Ministry of Agriculture, the Field Husbandry Division of the Dominion Experimental Farms and Stations contributes interesting information on cultural experiments. In Eastern Canada, states the report, methods of ploughing and land for grain indicate that summer ploughing of sod, with subsequent top-working, is the most suitable treatment, especially on weedy land. Only a limited amount of spring cultivation has been found necessary in preparing a seed bed for grain.

In Western Canada, the best method of seed bed, ploughing is the cheapest method that will provide for moisture conservation, weed control, and the prevention of soil drifting. In dry regions, three surface cultivations are often all that are necessary: first with the cultivator or one-way disk; second, with the rod weeder, and finally with the cultivator. In more humid regions, five or six cultivations may be required, particularly where perennial weeds are present. Sometimes ploughing may prove more satisfactory than surface cultivation.

Methods of preparing stubble land for grain are influenced by the necessity for rapid seedling, small reserves of soil moisture, and usually weed contamination. In dry regions, spring ploughing is the best method for yield and weed control, but is subject to soil drifting, and may result in delayed seeding. On large acreages, spring disking or cultivating separately or in combination with seeding is the most satisfactory method. In the more humid regions, it is possible to fall-plough stubble land.

## Birds Attract Tourists

Bring Increasing Numbers of Visitors To Canada

Canada's wild bird life affords an attraction which brings increasing numbers of visitors to the Dominion. To see new birds it is necessary to travel, as the birds to be found in British Columbia differ from those of the prairie, and those of the prairie are not the same as those of Eastern Canada. Many thousands of people journey long distances to visit bird life in its natural surroundings, unimpaired by man's interference.

Perhaps the most spectacular and easily accessible of all the sanctuaries that attract tourists is Perce Rock and Bonaventure Island, near Perce, Quebec, where thousands of gulls, sea-gulls, cormorants, and other sea birds make their summer homes. During 1936, the year for which the most recent complete figures are available, approximately 20,000 tourists visited Perce and saw this sanctuary. Between 5,000 and 6,000 of the visitors made the thrilling trip by motorboat around Bonaventure Island, three miles offshore, to see the thousands of gannets and other sea-fowl on their nesting ledges. Because of the attraction of the bird sanctuary, tourists tend to stay longer at Perce than at other points on their route, and preliminary reports for 1937 show that the tourist movement to Perce and vicinity continues to grow.

## Making It Right

It was the Sabbath, and Donald was hammering away at the bottom of his barrow, when his wife came to the door.  
"Mon," she exclaimed, "ye're makin' a muckle clatter. What will the neighbors say?"  
"Never mind the neighbors," said the busy one. "I mean to get my barra mendit."  
The woman thought this over for a minute or two, then: "Oh, but Donald, it's very wrong to work on the Sabbath," she expostulated. "It ought to use screws."

## Could Not Be Stolen

The insurance agent was trying to induce the boss to insure all his office furniture and fittings against burglary.  
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"It would be a waste of money," the boss replied. "It would be impossible for anyone to steal it. The staff never take their eyes off it."

Both physically and economically there were severe limits to the development of large scale irrigation in Western Canada. John Vallance, senior officer of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, emphasized in an address to a service club at Saskatoon.

Mr. Vallance based his remarks on surveys made under the P.F.R.A. in a great triangle area running roughly from Virden, Manitoba, to Lloydminster, then to Calgary and south of the international border. "When anyone tells you of the possibilities of solving our great problem by large scale irrigation, remember that it is physically and utterly impossible," Mr. Vallance said.

For big irrigation projects, land, water and money were the three essentials. "We have the land without a doubt, but we haven't got the water," the speaker declared. There were only eleven million acre feet of water available in the three prairie provinces. For effective irrigation land needed 18 inches of water. Under the most favorable conditions about a million and a half acres was all that could possibly be irrigated in both Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Problems to the three provinces were different. In Manitoba it was entirely a matter of small dugouts. In Saskatchewan development could include small dams as well as dugouts, while in Alberta it was possible to have actual irrigation over considerable areas.

"You never see a dam that has anything to do with the control of water in Alberta, diversion canals are all that is needed," Mr. Vallance explained. In Saskatchewan the water level was on an average of 200 to 500 feet below the land level. In order to have irrigation in this province it would be necessary to construct huge dams and to pump the water. Such procedure had been found uneconomical.

For instance, irrigation was feasible from an engineering standpoint in a large area west of Saskatoon but the cost would amount to \$78 per acre whereas previous experience indicated that a charge of \$3.96 each acre for irrigation was all the land could bear.

Mr. Vallance sketched the origin of the P.F.R.A., pointed out the act had received the support of all western members, regardless of political affiliations. Everything possible was being done to encourage and extend economically and physically feasible projects.

Large areas of marginal and sub-marginal land were being reclaimed and turned into grazing pastures. Work of fencing was progressing and in Saskatchewan six pastures had been completed varying in size from 6,400 to 40,000 acres.

There were tens of thousands of opportunities throughout the province for irrigation of plots of from one to five acres. More than 11,000 applications for assistance in such projects had already been received.

Mr. Vallance was of the opinion it would be uneconomical to move the people from prairie provinces and that great wealth would again come from the great fields of the west and that the P.F.R.A. work would add greatly to the stability of agricultural conditions in the west.

## The Grandfathers' Club

Members Numbering 240 Met Recently In Holloway, England

Two hundred and forty grandfathers met at Holloway, England, and sang songs, played cards, chess and dominoes, and laughed three hours away. The oldest grandpa was 93, the youngest only 60, and their combined ages totalled 17,280 years. Birthday greetings were read to six of them by Rev. A. J. Kinsler, president of the Grandfathers' Club, and the youngest of the party. Seven new members, whose ages totalled 583 years, were cheered. Then all stood in silence for 30 members who had died in the last year. The Grandfathers' Club was organized three years ago, and has prolonged many lives by giving a large number of granddads their only social life.

## Just An Old Idea

There is nothing new about dieting, an exhibit at the recent Hotel and Catering Exhibition in Berlin revealed. There was shown a cookery book printed at Cologne in 1483 entitled "Diet." A new Handbook and Guide to Good Health Through Proper Diet and Correct Use of Viands and Beverages."

More than 3,500 theatres in the world now are equipped for sound pictures.

## WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

President Eamon de Valera told the dail (parliament) the Irish Free State would conditionally recognize Italy's conquest of Ethiopia in the near future.

Inventor of the Metcalf indicator for measuring turbine revolutions and of apparatus for coaling ships at sea, Capt. Henry W. Metcalf, 73, died recently at Canterbury, Eng.

The British Broadcasting Corporation is preparing for the television of next year's Derby, rugby international games and the university boat race. Tests will start shortly.

Striking workers occupied the Paris department stores in a surprise sit-down movement a short time ago. All the city's big stores were affected.

Imperial Airways announced that it had established an "Atlantic school" at Croydon for future pilots who will operate mail and passenger liners between the United Kingdom and North America.

A new motor road from Hamburg, Germany, to the Danish frontier, as planned, involves the boring of a tunnel more than a mile in length and 100 feet wide under the Kiel canal.

A unanimous vote of opposition to any cession of British mandated territory to Germany was recorded by the parliamentary committee of the Empire Industries' Association at a meeting at the House of Commons.

Anywhere throughout South Africa for 2s. 6d. (62 cents) is the slogan of the public demand on the postmaster-general for cheaper night rates on the government telephone service.

Filipino women, enfranchised early this year, marched to the polls recently with their men-folk to vote for 11 members of their own sex seeking positions on provincial boards.

### Worth Over Million Dollars

United States Exported 41,797,000 Teeth To Britain Last Year

The United States is determined not only to sell more food abroad but also teeth with it to eat it. The eventual Anglo-American trade agreement, initial steps for which were announced recently by Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, will have teeth in it—more than 40,000,000 in fact. The United States exported to Britain in 1936 41,797,000 teeth for \$1,201,000.

A Department of Commerce specialist said that American manufacturers were producing teeth that have eaten their way into the hearts of British dentists and filled scores of millions of cavities in John Bull's jaw.

The teeth, listed as "scientific instruments," are exported from the United States individually and not in sets. British dentists make them up in plates to suit their patients.

Total United States exports of teeth in 1936 were worth \$1,801,000, Great Britain took the lion's share. An estimated 4,000,000 Britons—twelfth of the British Isles population—owe their flashing smiles to the United States.

### Strange Messages Unsigned

Contained In Manchurian Walnut Shells Received At Prince Albert

Comment on prevailing conditions in the Orient appeared in a couple of Manchurian walnut shells received in Prince Albert, Sask. The walnuts, purchased in a local store, were found to contain notes from the Orient, written on jagged yellow slips of paper. There was no signature.

One slip read: "What fools we mortals be—Scene II, act III." And the other, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." On a separate line, "O, is there fun, and on the reverse side, 'especially in the Orient.'"

Considered remarkable is the fact the same city resident received both the walnuts with notes inside. The shells had been sealed with a tiny piece of wax.

### Home Defence

Lunching in a men's grill the other day, we heard a couple of young fellows discussing war, pacifism, and the like. "I'm against war," one of them said at last, "if the enemy ever got anywhere near where I live, I'd certainly defend myself." "What good would that do?" the other said, wistfully. "Before you could do anything, the enemy would have gone right through the Bronx." They both brooded for a while, then started talking about hockey.—The New Yorker.

According to estimates, alligators are only two feet long when they are 15 years old.

### Hard To Understand

U.S. Judge Dismissed Manslaughter Charge Against Drunken Driver

If the decision of a Massachusetts judge in discharging in a Boston court a motorist accused of manslaughter is precedent for future rulings, all a would-be killer need do to escape punishment is to get drunk before he strikes. The accused ran into and killed a man and his two-year-old son. The judge decided in part: "He was so drunk he was not in a position to form a judgment or exercise his will." He dismissed a manslaughter charge, but found the motorist guilty of intoxication, operating dangerously and driving while under the influence of liquor. Commenting on the verdict, a Harvard professor of law said the logic "would seem to be that if one must drive recklessly, by all means be drunk intoxicated first so as to avoid the danger of a conviction for manslaughter."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### NEW FASHION HIGH- LIGHTS TO FAVOR THE STOUT FIGURE

By Anne Adams



Every inch, every seam, every trim detail of this stunning Afternoon Dress has been cleverly proportioned and placed to allow the larger woman to wear the latest style to the best advantage. Not especially the curve of the front yoke with slight gathers below—this is a new and very becoming line. The sleeves are very slightly puffed at the shoulder and the long and three-quarter versions have darts at the elbow. The short version ends above the elbow. Make the dress with a softly flared jabot or with a bow and buttons below. Choose fabric like synthetic or silk crepe or very sheer wool.

Pattern 4661 is available in women's sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 takes 4 yards 3/4 inch fabric. Illustrated step-by-step sewing instructions included. Send twenty cents (20c) in coin or stamps (coin preferred) for this Anne Adams pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send order to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg.

"Pidd," roared the boss, "you seem to be ignoring our efficiency system altogether!"

"Yes sir," returned Steve Pidd, the office cut-up, "but somebody's gotta get the work done!"

The young people first visited the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto as winners of their respective farm clubs throughout Canada.

Then the above picture was taken after their tour of the International Harvester Plant, where they were shown how farm implements and binder twine were manufactured.

At a luncheon in the Company Cafeteria, A. E. MacLaurin, General Secretary of the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club work, spoke on the work of the Clubs, made possible by a fund to which the Harvester Company contributed generously to teach better methods to the 35,000 young farmers who now belong to the 47 farm clubs. Accompanying these 47 winners were J. C. Magnan, President of the organization, and other officials. F. M. Morton, Vice-President of the Company and Honorary President of the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club work was the official host and invited the winners in future years to visit Hamilton again.

### An Old Legend

Plant Called Gallium Is Linked With Christmas Season

Providence, through the medium of plants, supplies not only the Christmas gifts, but loads the dining-table with delectable fruits and vegetables. The after-dinner cup of coffee is made from the seeds of the coffee tree that belongs to the same family as the familiar bedstraw or Galium, one of which is appropriately associated with Christmas. It is the Gallium verum—the true Gallium—because of the legend that this plant was in the hay on which the Mother of Christ rested. It is therefore called Our Lady's Bedstraw or Ladies' Bedstraw. In parts of eastern and western Canada this plant is coming quite common where its coming sprays of tiny yellow cruciform flowers bloom all the summer.

### An Old Custom

Thanks Given For Festal Seasons Before There Was A Christmas

Gratitude and thanksgiving for the beneficence of festal seasons are of time-honoured and gracious usage of an appreciative world.

Five hundred years before the first Christmas, Aeschylus, a Greek poet, whose religious feeling was probably stimulated by the solemn services which represented the deepest and purest element of religion said, "For these things it is meet to give the gods thank-offerings long-enduring."

Had Aeschylus been born five centuries later he might have been profoundly stirred by the seraphic hymn, "Gloria in excelsis Deo."

### Dilemma For The Gulls

Birds May Object To Riding On Cheap Boat

An ornithologist who knows told us the gulls that follow the Queen of Bermuda out to sea don't go all the way, but pick up the Monarch of Bermuda around the halfway mark and come back with her. We passed this information along to an acquaintance of ours in the shipping business, who nodded and remarked that the Furness Line has sent the Monarch to England for one of her periodic inspections.

We've been thinking ever since how silly those gulls are going to feel when they find them themselves at sea with no choice except to go on with the Queen or come back with a cheap boat inferior in cuisine.—The New Yorker.

### No Help There

Terry had succeeded in extracting a dime from his indulgent mother on Christmas Eve. He neglected to thank her, and she was annoyed at his display of bad manners.

"Terry, you are most forgetful," she said. "I have given you a dime to buy some crackers and you are rude enough not to reply. What do you say when you get something?"

"I don't know," was the reply. "You don't know? What do I say to Daddy when he gives me money?" "Is that all?" quoted the knowing child.

### Among Those Leaving

An Atlanta dentist says that those who pride themselves on their ruggedness and ability to withstand pain constitute the largest class of dental patients. That census must have been taken among those leaving the dentist's office rather than among those on their way there.

Many years ago, it was believed that small birds rode on the backs of cranes during long migration flights.

## FLIN FLON

"The Story of Its Finding and Position To-day"

By FRATT KUHN

The first geologist to inspect the new find was Dr. E. L. Bruce, a graduate of Queen's University, who was in charge of a geological survey party for the Dominion Government in the Beaver Lake district, and later in the fall of 1915 came over from Beaver Lake on information given him by Tom Creighton. He was able to make the first technical report before the long winter clamped down.

His pal on many of the hinterland trails Mrs. Hammell, accompanied her husband to Beaver Lake to visit the prospecting party. While the prospecting party were away doing some staking, the Hammells went up to the other end of Beaver Lake on some fishing. Meeting the prospectors later, Hammell went in to inspect the discovery. So impressed was he with the find that the group "How much money would satisfy each of you for the rest of your lives?" John Deane replied, "Jack, get us one hundred thousand dollars apiece and Rockefeller can have the mine."

With characteristic Hammell enthusiasm, he set about his first big job of "cracking open" Canada's hinterland. The year following, late in 1915 to see a dozen financial interests, among them Hayden Stone & Co. They were interested, but when they suggested sending an engineer, Hammell said, "There is no time for that. The spring break-up will be upon us shortly and I must have action right away." You can have a three-quarter interest in the property for three million dollars, providing you spend fifty thousand at once for diamond drilling. Stone accepted Hammell's frank statement of the merits of the property and the value of the find.

With the option papers signed, Charles Stone telegraphed Daniel C. Jackling, the famous copper operator, living in San Francisco and invited him to share in the venture. Jackling's conversation was manifested in his thousand word protest that Stone should go so far without first securing an engineer's report, and did not conceal his feelings that looked like a "come on" game. However, concluding his telegram, he said, "I'll take the property on a one-quarter interest," knowing that Stone was not easily convinced.

Hammell rushed to the Pas and started the big push to beat the spring break-up. Enlisting all the teams and help available, two diamond drills and one of support were transported to the property. Jackling, in two young engineers, Raymond Brooks and Orin Peterson, to take charge of the drilling. With this initial exploration completed, came a three-word wire from Brooks to Jackling—"Hammell underestimates the property."

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The Hard, Hard Struggles Between 1915 and 1925 When the Whitney Group of New York Entered The Picture

But while the copper looked interesting, they saw no value in the zinc, while the complex ore involved metallurgical problems. The war, too, had a distracting effect, and the option was dropped after spending fifty thousand dollars and doing seven thousand five hundred feet of diamond drilling. Next year, David Fiske and associates bought out Dan Milligan and Theodore Dion, and took an option on the balance of interest. For doing eighteen thousand feet of diamond drilling, Fiske secured a seven per cent. interest. But the complex ore was a stickler, and again work stopped. In 1920 with the property again back on his hands, but richer with information from the drill cores, Hammell went to the Mining Corporation of Canada. Experienced and aggressive, it was interested in Colonel William Boyce Thompson, millionaire New Yorker, would also come into the deal. Hammell saw him and in 20 minutes Thompson was convinced of the merits of the property and took an option on the balance of interest while the Mining Corporation took the rest of the mine.

Not dismayed by previous disappointments, knowing well that it is ore which counts in the final analysis and that such problems as metallurgical difficulties are not insurmountable, work was resumed. Another big freighting job from the Pas, 87 miles to the Flin Flon confronted them. End of steel at the time was 274 miles from Winnipeg.

After sinking two shafts and spending four hundred thousand dollars on the property, the option was dropped, with no interest retained. Next year, 1921, the Mining Corporation made a bid and purchased the property outright—that is, the 68 per cent. which was controlled by Hammell and the prospectors Creighton, Leon Dion, John and Dan Mosher, the other 32 per cent. being owned by Alex. and David Fiske. For this 68 per cent. Mining Corporation paid, including interest, some six hundred thousand dollars, of which about four hundred thousand dollars went to the four prospectors who stuck with Hammell.

But it was a big project to launch. To make a success, power would have to be supplied, railways built as well as the mining and milling plants, smelter and refinery. Indefatigably the Mining Corporation, particularly its president, J. P. Watson, and its chief engineer, Scott Turner, later director of mines for the United States Government, worked to correlate the essential phases of the enterprise, if it was eventually to be brought into production.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 26

### CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION

Golden text: For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21.

Lesson: Mark 1:16-20; Philippians, Chapter 1.

Devotional reading: Psalm 108:1-6.

### Explanations and Comments

Paul Salutes the Church at Philippi, Philippians 1:1-7.

He Gives Thanks for their Fellowship. In Furthering the Gospel and Fruits of their Christian Ministry. Prayers of Righteousness, Philippians 1:9-11.

How Paul Regards the Christian Cause, Philippians 1:12-20. At this time Paul seems to have been transferred from his private dwelling (Acts 28:16) to a prison, and he fears that his friends, the Philippians, may consider this stricter captivity much worse for him. He wishes them to know that all the things that have happened to him, his imprisonment with all its hardships and privations, have been endured because they have resulted in making the gospel more widely known, the more at heart than his own welfare. He tells them of three ways in which the gospel has been furthered:

(1) The soldiers that guard him have heard about Christ, and they have been converted. (2) His imprisonment has had a good effect upon his Christian brethren: they have been encouraged to preach the gospel, and thus have been converted. (3) Not all were animated by love and good will. Some were who were actuated by envy and strife, by a desire to create faction in the ranks, and add to Paul's afflictions, but even these were proclaiming Christ, and therefore all was well. In every way, whether with sincerity or with pretence, Christ was being proclaimed and Paul rejoiced.

Death or Life Means Christ for Paul, Philippians 1:21-26. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Paul was wholly Christ-centred: there was no room in his life for anything but Christ. "The words 'life' and 'Christ' are for him so interwoven that to think of one is to find his heart suffused with the joy of the other. When he says 'Christ' he means all his present and his future included, interpreted, glorified by that name. When he says 'life' he sees himself surrounded, directed, led, inspired by the Person called Christ, the Christ of God, the Lord of man. Life and Christ are for his consciousness almost interchangeable terms. 'I no longer live, but Christ liveth in me' (W. Douglas Mackenzie).

### Date Palm Is Very Old

Probably Flourished In Bethlehem On First Christmas Day

The date-palm, which grows to a height of 80 feet and is surmounted by feathery foliage, is the symbol of elegance and grace, hence it became a favourite Hebrew woman's name, "Tamar." The date is common in Palestine. As Bethlehem is only about five miles south of Jerusalem it probably flourished there on the first Christmas Day. Many places are named from its abundance: e.g. Jericho "The City of the Palms"; Hazazon-Tamar, in the Dead Sea, Bael-Tamar, near Gibeat.

### Rye Is Principal Crop

Poland is fundamentally an agricultural country with 64 per cent. of its 35,000,000 population engaged in agriculture. Pursuits of rye is the principal cereal crop. In 1936 Canadian exports to Poland were valued at \$406,835.

In making a pound of honey, says an expert, bees fly about 40,000 miles. Seems rather far-fetched.

A physician says everybody can take a hot bath daily. Wonder if he was ever a boarder?

## BOOKS OF MERIT

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## WHAT HO!

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## CHAPTER IV.—Continued

Ernest Bingley's preconceived ideas of bona fide earl and authentic ladies received another blow. He had pictured Lady Rosa as something so ethereal that she almost seemed to glow like a pure spirit, and had envisaged her as being incapable of performing any more practical feat than dissecting an eclair. Her reference to the threat of doing her hair repairs he could not understand at all. Surely an earl, and particularly the Earl of Bingley, would have a fleet of gleaming motors, of box-car dimensions, each with a chauffeur and footman in livery and immaculate caps. Yet she had distinctly said "the family car," and if she meant the hoary car which he had heard panting away from in front of the village inn, it must be neither new nor well-preserved for it was patently suffering from a complication of diseases, including scintilla of the gears and asthma of the pistons, ailments to which respectable cars are not prone. Ernest had read of the "new poor" and the thought began to trouble him that the Bingleys (of Bingley) might belong in that honorable but unfortunate category.

Her voice brought him back from the world of fancy to the world of fact.

"Really now," Lady Rosa said, "you'll never see the castle if you keep looking at me."

"I'd rather—that is, you're right," said Ernest. "I don't think you'll be the first place Lord Walter Bingley, 1523-1589."

"Why, yes, it is. How did you know?"

"Oh, I knew," said Ernest. "Having seen, with wide, impressed eyes, the magnificent Great Hall, Ernest continued to explore the castle with Lady Rosa."

She led him along a passage-way and opened a door. They entered a chamber containing a carved bed, broad as a small river.

"This," Lady Rosa told him, "is the room without which no self-respecting castle is complete."

"The haunted room!" exclaimed Ernest, rapidly. "It belonged to Sir Rufus Bingley, beheaded for treason in 1544, but it turned out later he was innocent, and now on Christmas eve he comes back to haunt his head under his arm in the hope of finding some one who will put it back on."

"Suppose you do the guiding," smiled Lady Rosa.

"Oh, no, no, no," said Ernest. "You see, I'm so what you might call full of the castle it will pop out."

"You've been here before?"

"Not exactly."

"How do you mean 'not exactly'?" she said. "Little one has been in a place or one hasn't."

"I've been here," said Ernest, "in my mind. Just like this."

"Do you mean with me?"

"Well, yes," said Ernest, and hurried on, "you see I've been in all places that way, but I've been here oftenest."

"I like that sort of mind," said Lady Rosa. "And I'm glad you turned out to be the way you are."

Ernest looked at her blankly.

"I mean," she explained, "you might have been a big brassy pro-fitter who used our armor for an anti-trust, or perhaps a nasty little niggler who complained because the castle hasn't steam heat."

"I suppose I might have been," he admitted, not following her at all.

"The point is, you're not," she said. "I think Bingley luck which hasn't been so good of late years, has taken a decided turn for the better."

"Mine has," said Ernest.

"So has mine," said Lady Rosa. "Just think how singularly fortunate it is that you turned out to be some body with a real understanding of—"

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"By Jove, he's gone. Was here two seconds ago."

"Crump!"

"Yes, m'lady," said Crump, who had entered bearing a silver tureen.

"Do you know where the earl is?"

"He went out, m'lady," replied Crump, "but knowing his lordship, as I have done for some fifty years, my surmise is that he went out to examine that horse."

Sounds beneath the window lent support to Crump's surmise. They looked out and beheld the Earl of Bingley perched on Ralph. The earl was consulting a series of placards, cowboy yips and was endeavoring to make Ralph resume his waiting.

That temperamental animal, however, had gone modern and was performing motions of his own devising, a wagging of the hips that suggested he was laying the foundation for a new rumba.

"Whoops!" cried the earl.

"Father!" called Lady Rosa, "we're waiting for you. Luncheon is served."

"Luncheon?" said the earl as if he'd never heard the word before.

"Luncheon? Oh, yes, I see what you mean. Food. I'll be directly."

He slid down from Ralph, hitched him to a knob on the castle gate, and presently entered the refectory.

"He wouldn't wait for me," he said, sadly. "You must be a dashed clever horseman, Mr. Bingley."

"Oh, no. No, indeed," denied Ernest.

"Come, come, you're too modest," said the earl. "Now I've been riding horses 51 years and two months and could I make him wait?"

Captain Duff-Hooper delivered himself of an extra-long knuckle-crack and looked significantly at the table.

"Yes, yes, of course. Man must eat," said the earl.

They sat at the huge table. It developed that the earl's invitation to dip into the dumplings was purely figurative. They had a savory hissing, a sole femme, a bottle of 1921 claret, and a pudding with raisins in it.

(To Be Continued)

## Where Canada Excels

Englishman States Cleaners of Clothes Do Best Job

An English friend of ours, who was in town the other day, remarked to me "I am going to get one thing out of this trip and that is some clean clothes."

Pressed for an explanation, he went on to say, "Canadian cleaners are the best I have ever found in my travelling around the world. If you send a suit of clothes out to be cleaned and pressed in Canada you are certain of a thorough and competent job. In England it is different. The English cleaners have never learned their business properly and the results you get from them are appalling. Some of my weather friends never send their clothes to an English cleaner. They ship them by airplane to Paris, and get them cleaned there. They are returned within a day or two properly done. It is expensive, but what else are they to do?"

The Englishman also confided to us that he was buying some new clothes in Canada. "Savile Row tailors have a great reputation," he said, "but I prefer the Canadian tailor for style and fit. If you can afford to pay top prices you can get what you want in London, but if, like myself, you want reasonably priced clothes that have a good cut and are well made you can do much better in Canada."—Financial Post.

## Sunken Treasure

Will Attempt Recovery Of Gold Ducats From Spanish Galleon

Nearly 400 years ago the Duque Florencia, a galleon of the Spanish armada, was destroyed off Tobermory harbor, Isle of Mull. She is said to have carried to her doom gold treasure, including 30,000 gold ducats minted when Philip of Spain was at war with England's Queen Elizabeth.

Whether the story is fact or fiction will be determined shortly by Herr von Wiener, Dutch engineer and inventor of a new type of diving apparatus, who has obtained permission to raise the hull.

Harold: "There is nothing that can surpass the warmth of a woman's love."

William: "Oh, yes, there is—the heat of her temper."

Fingerprints may be permanently obliterated only by having the sweat ducts destroyed. This is a very painful operation.

Manila, P.I., is campaigning to become the distributing centre of the Far East.

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## Remarkable Instruments

Will Be Seen This Year At British Industries Fair

A spectroscopic device exhibited at the 1938 British Industries Fair can detect carbon monoxide poisoning by examining the light passing through a sample of blood, and by determining the exact amount of poisonous matter present, can lead the way to an effective cure.

Another remarkable instrument to be seen at the fair is the Diabeticometer, which by the presence of an excess of sugar in the patient's system can be easily ascertained.

People nowadays are less given to ignoring the forecasts of the "clerk of the weather," for those prophecies are now found to be based on sound evidence.

One of the instruments which make weather forecasts not only possible but extraordinarily exact is Dr. Dobson's ozone spectrometer, also to be seen at the coming B.I.F.

It has been found that, 30 miles above the earth, in the upper atmosphere, is a layer of ozone (a kind of warm blanket) which varies in thickness according to the weather conditions.

By measuring the layer of ozone, a speedy and accurate forecast can be made. Hence, the ozone spectrometer, which measures the earth's "weather blanket" to such a degree of accuracy that the slightest changes can be detected and, whenever necessary, immediate warnings sent out to shipping and aircraft.

## Drifting Continents

Little Scientific Proof Exists For This Theory

Little scientific proof exists for the theory that the continents are "drifting," Dr. R. M. Stewart, director of the Dominion Observatory at Ottawa, said before the Montreal branch of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

The Austrian geologist, Wegener, has computed North America was moving away from Europe at the rate of about a metre a year. At that rate, there would be a shift of about a mile in 1,000 years.

But Dr. Stewart, asserted wireless observations between Ottawa and Greenwich over a period of many years had shown the longitudinal line varied so slightly any "floating" of the continent attributed to the continents under the Wegener hypothesis might be laid to errors of observation.

## Pooled Their Names

Five Young Men Had Good Idea For Telephone List

Shar J. Zylch, the last name in the Troy telephone book at Troy, N.Y., is really five other fellows.

The students apartment, to avoid possible confusion, among friends if the telephone were listed only in the name of one of them, they decided to make sure they could tell everyone:

"Ring me any time; I'm the last one in the book."

"Zylch," starting with the last two letters of the alphabet, seemed an unbeatable combination. The "Shar J." was evolved by using the first initials of Stephen H. Samson, Harold T. Lyon, Alex D. Robb, Richard J. McCalla and John Snyder.

The young men say the result is satisfactory.

## University Chancellor

Lord Tweedsmuir Appointed Head Of Edinburgh University

Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, was elected Chancellor of Edinburgh University, succeeding the late Sir James Barrie.

A postal poll of the entire graduate body of the university in the British Isles gave Lord Tweedsmuir 4,802 votes against 2,582 for the Rhodes Trust. About 50 per cent of electorate responded to the poll within the time limit.

Lord Tweedsmuir's presence at the university will not be necessary while he is Governor-General.

## Not Well Named

Iceland does not live up to its name for skating and skiing can be had there only a few days each winter, and summer visitors find the mean temperature at Reykjavik, its capital, the same as that of Milan in Italy. Refrigerators are regularly sent from America to Iceland.

Amiable Youth: "I say, Tommy, aren't you going to give me your sister for a Christmas present?"

Tommy: "Sorry, but I can't. When I caught Mr. Witherspoon kissing her last night, she made me promise that I wouldn't give her away."

An earthquake of sufficient strength to be registered throughout half the earth's surface occurs on an average of every 44 hours.

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## Outstanding Canadians

Will Erect Bronze Plaques In Memory Of Canadian Notables

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, which Professor Fred Landon, librarian of the University of Western Ontario, is a member, has done a splendid job in marking the sites connected with the early history of the Dominion.

A new departure is being made by the commission in the erection of bronze plaques in memory of outstanding Canadians to be placed on suitable sites. The first plaque will be erected in London, probably in the historic county buildings, in memory of Hon. Edward Blake. There are probably few Londoners who realize that the great Canadian parliamentarian and Liberal leader was born in Adelaide Township. The Blakes, who came from the North of Ireland, were among the first settlers of Adelaide.

It was on the invitation of the Blakes that a young North of Ireland clergyman, Rev. Benjamin Cronin, came to Canada to minister to the new settlement. This was in 1832. When he reached London the villagers persuaded him to remain here. He located in London and later became the first bishop of the diocese of Huron. The young clergyman married a Blake and the two families have ever since been closely connected.—London Free Press.

**Dogs As Parachute Jumpers**

Experiment By Soviet Flyers Shows Animals Have No Fear

Experiments in parachute-jumping for dogs are being carried out in the Soviet army. After Soviet soldiers have landed by parachute, the dogs are sent down to the ground.

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One recent experiment was carried out by a Soviet aviator who climbed to 1,800 feet. At a word of command, and without showing a trace of fear, the dog is stated to have jumped into space. The automatic parachute opened and the animal descended slowly toward the ground. The dog's trainer jumped simultaneously, and was thus able to watch the dog as it descended. The trainer stated afterwards that the animal kept perfectly still during the fall. When the trainer yelled to it by name it turned its head towards him and barked. Finally it landed gently on the ground.—Air Review, London.

## Canadian Legion Press

Incorporation For Organization To Carry On Publishing Business

Incorporation of the "Canadian Legion Press, Limited," to carry on "business as proprietors and publishers of newspapers, journals, magazines, books and other literary works and undertakings" was published in the Canada Gazette.

Named as incorporators were William Waidie Murray, journalist, and J. A. McEwen, civil servant, both of Ottawa, and J. J. Perry of Sudbury, Ont., and Geoffrey C. Burbridge, of Montreal, insurance agents.

Operations of the company will be carried on throughout Canada with a capital stock of \$50,000, with a head office in Ottawa.

## Lost Two Homes

The Ohio river flood of last January swept away Edward Crew's home in Cincinnati. He moved his family into a garage and set about building a new house. He finished the job and started a fire in the furnace to warm the home for moving in. Something went wrong. The new house burned to the ground.

Nearly 5,000,000 bunches of bananas were shipped from Costa Rica in 1937.

Probability of higher taxation is worrying business men of Japan.

## Little Helps For This Week

Return unto thy rest O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. Psalm 141:7.

Rest is not quitting the busy career; Rest is the fitting of self to its sphere.

'Tis loving and serving the high and low; 'Tis onward, unswerving, and this is true rest.

The result of strong faith is characterized in a remarkable way by what may be termed rest, or quietude, which is only another form of expression for true interior peace. It is not however the quiet of lazy inaction, but of an inward acquiescence, a quiet that feels nothing and does nothing, but that higher and divine quiet which exists by feeling and acting in the time of God's will. Make it a principle of your life to give yourself to Him in the discharge of duty, and to leave all results without worry in His hands.

**Judgment-Proof Drivers**

Carry No Insurance On Car In Case Of Accidents

The Chambre de Commerce has suggested an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act which, if adopted, would tend to make Quebec roads safer for responsible drivers. Briefly, what is suggested is that in the case of an accident the license of the person to blame for it should be forfeited if he is found to be uninsured and financially irresponsible, be suspended until such time as he either takes out insurance, furnishes a bond or otherwise assures the authorities of his financial responsibility for his future.

The idea is a good one. A large number of drivers in Quebec province are operating cars, which are uninsured and which should be uninsured, which have in fact little more than a scrap metal value.

In the majority of such cases the drivers are "judgment proof" in the event of an accident which may involve serious damage to another and perhaps valuable machine or bodily injury to its driver. Yet as the law is now the erring driver may for a few dollars pick up another worn-out machine and set forth upon the road again with very small loss.—Montreal Star.

**Old Peking**

Under The New Regime Peiping Is Again Changed To Peking

Old Peking, under a new Japanese-controlled regime, is Peking (northern capital) again on the international radio channels, after nine years as Peiping (the north pacified), the Associated Press reports. A dispatch from the Associated Press correspondent there was dated "Peking" by the communications company delivering it, and routed through Japanese-controlled channels, via Hankow, Manchoukuo. In 4,000 years of history, Peking has been called Chi, Yen, Yuchow, Nanching, Khanbalik, Cambaluc, Tatu, Peiking (in 1421), Peiping, Peking.

**Some Collection Box**

The latest American church device "raising the wind" is what a religious paper describes as "some collection box." The inventor hails from Oklahoma. If a member of the congregation drops in a 25 cent piece or a coin of large value, there is silence. If it is a ten-cent piece a bell rings, a five-cent piece sounds a whistle, and a cent fires a blank cartridge. If any one pretends to be asleep when the box passes, it awakens him with a watchman's rattle, and a kodak takes his portrait.

Girls and boys between 18 months and 4 years of age average about 36 minutes of crying every 24 hours, tests have revealed.

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**Council Meetings**  
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## Church Notices

**United Church Services**  
Sunday, January 2nd.  
New Year's Services  
"I have set before thee an open door."  
Rodney.....Public Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Floral.....Sunday School.....2:30 p.m.  
Crossfield.....Sunday School.....11:15 a.m.  
Crossfield.....Public Worship.....7:30 p.m.  
Rev. S. Hunt, B.A.B.D., Minister

**Church of the Ascension  
(ANGELICAN)**  
Jan. 2nd. 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Jan. 9th. 11:00 a.m. Matins  
Jan. 16th. 7:30 p.m. Evensong  
Jan. 20th. 7:30 p.m. Evensong  
Rev. A. D. CURRIE, Rector

**Crossfield Baptist Church**  
Regular Sunday Services  
11:00 a.m. Morning Service  
12:00 noon Sunday School  
8:00 p.m. Evening Service  
Services at Abernethy 3:00 p.m.  
Rev. J. H. PICKFORD, B.Th. Minister

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## SOCIETY SLANTS

**CANADIAN LEGION**  
The public are cordially reminded that the boys of the Legion will hold a social evening in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, January 12th, 1938, and you are expected. Come and enjoy a good time.

## Alberta Oranges Served for Xmas At Acme Residence

One Acme household possibly set an Alberta record when it included Alberta grown oranges on the Christmas Day menu.  
The fruit was raised to maturity by Mrs. Arthur Wheeler who was able to serve two ripe home grown oranges. Acme residents are proud of the achievement which they declare "goes out better than Calgary" where according to reports, A. W. Maidmont managed to grow one lemon.—The Albertan.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

IN THE ESTATE OF ANNIE MAY HAVENS, late of the Postal District of Saskatchewan, in the Province of Alberta, Widow, Deceased.  
NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named Annie May Havens, who died on or about the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1929, at Long Beach, California, One of the United States of America are required to file with Robert Ure, Executor, in the Province of Alberta, Solicitor for the Executor, by the 8th day of February A.D. 1938 a full statement duly verified of their claim and of any Securities held by them and that after that date the Executor will distribute the Assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the Claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.  
Dated this 14th day of December A.D. 1937.

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## CROSSFIELD CHATTER

Sinclair Boyd spent Christmas with his people in Calgary.

Garrett is confined to his bed with an attack of LaGrippe.

Les Spivey, of Eckville, spent Christmas at his home here.

Elmer Wall was a business visitor to Calgary this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edlund spent Christmas in Calgary with relatives.

Dave Cumming is sporting a new light delivery Ford truck.

Miss Laut of Calgary, and Miss Kelso of Edmonton, are visiting with Miss Widda Laut.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis were Drumheller visitors for Christmas, guests of Mr. Davis' brother.

H. P. Wright and J. H. Scott, of Airdrie, were Crossfield visitors Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Zang, of Calgary, were Christmas guests at Mrs. Zang's home here.

The Editor and Bert Bannister took a few hours off Thursday, to go to the city.

Mrs. Davis, of Drumheller, visited with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Pickford, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson spent Christmas with former friends at Ponoka.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Styles, of Edmonton, were visitors at Mrs. Styles' home (Metheral's) just south of town.

While residents of Crossfield shiver in the icy blasts, John Zanni basks in the warm sunshine of California.

Mrs. D. J. Hall was the holder of the lucky ticket on the Cake sold by Laut and Co., on behalf of the Legion. We like cake, Mrs. Hall.

Mr. E. C. Collier Barrister, informs the Chronicle he will not visit Crossfield on business till Saturday January 8th, 1938.

Mr. Pritchard, relieving Teller at the local Bank, spent Christmas at his home in Edmonton, from which point he journeyed to Vegreville to undertake Bank duties there.

Writing his father in Calgary, James McClelland, former Crossfield boy, states he expects to leave for India in August, about January 18. James is a gunner in the Royal Artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Murphy and two young sons, of Edmonton, visited at the Oliver Hotel over the holiday season. Mr. Murphy returned to Edmonton Monday, while Mrs. Murphy and the young boys will remain as guests of Mrs. Murphy's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Waterhouse.

Canadian Legion

The Legion boys saw to it this Christmas that two of their more unfortunate brothers got some real Christmas Cheer by way of hampers of groceries.

January 7th is the date of the Legion Card Party and the public is invited. At this meeting the draw will be made for the Quilt donated by Mrs. Calhoun. Get that ticket now.

McPherson School.

Wednesday night, December 23, was Xmas concert night in McPherson School and a goodly crowd was in attendance.

O.R. reports a very fine programme, made up of dialogues, songs, community singing and a play by people of the community.

Mrs. H. P. Wright acted as accompanist and Martinisens Orchestra furnished the music for the dance that followed.

Miss McLachlan spent much time and effort on her programme and made a decided success. We understand that she has severed her connection with the district, and best wishes go with her for future happiness.

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## PATTER

The Village Lads getting a kick out of a young girl's Christmas present and playing with it all Sunday.

Shirley Weber and Doug C. Carmichael singing on Christmas morning, around 2:00 a.m., "I lift up my finger and I say 'Shush Shush'".

Garrett arraged like a Scottish Thistle.

Tom Tredaway saying some Carol singers used their voices handpandered.

Frank Colliett making a Christmas donation to the Pee Wee hockey boys.

CC and ED Chagrined.

Bert Bannister looking for a milk pudding and getting a Rinsio Pie.

Frank Laut giving some real sound advice.

Harry Fitzpatrick and Bill Emerson with a cup on their hands, and looking for a home to put it in.

Sinclair Boyd worried in case the dead line "30" is called before he can get in the editorial room.

Chris Amussen getting a kick out of big Financial Representatives.

GY and WW enjoying Edinburgh Rock sent by a Crossfield Lassie in Stirling.

Judging by the supply of Hats, Noise Makers, etc., Harry May is handling it looks like a Noisy New Year's Eve Dance. Well, Hogmanay is a grand Day.

Larger School Units

The central committee charged with the responsibility of taking the vote on the proposed Large School Unit extending from the vicinity of Airdrie to the vicinity of Olds wish to report to the people of this area the results of the movement up to the present.

Forms for taking the vote and letters of instruction were mailed to secretaries of all school districts within the proposed school division, with the request that the board of each district arrange for a canvass of all voters in their district that we may express to the Department of Education the desire of the voters concerning this issue.

To-date eighteen districts have returned their completed forms, the result of the vote being as follows:

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## Three Concerts

Last week was a hectic one in the District and for the paper staff. Besides being rushed with extra Christmas work, it was necessary to cover as many of the local school concerts as possible, but conflicting dates made it impossible to take them all in.

In conversation with those who attended O'Neil, Meadows and Elbs concerts, we were told that they were well pleased with the entertaining programmes presented by the pupils of these schools, and that it speaks a lot for the work and efforts of both children and teachers alike.

Mr. L. Johnson, Miss L. Michel and Miss Gough come in for their share of honours with their brother and sister teachers, and all going well, it is hoped that next year we will be able to put in a personal appearance at these three schools, whatever other schools we have to forego.

The schools are quiet and the din of the party, crowds and excitement has waned until the New Year, when once again thoughts will return to school work, and Christmas concerts be only a thing of the past.

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FOR SALE—Lady's Skin (Pter-borough make) & harness. Cheap for cash. Cost fifteen dollars. When New. Enquiries should be addressed to Mrs. G. Dawson o-o The Canadian Bank of Commerce Town.

FOR SALE—2nd hand McClary Kootenay 6-hole Range in A1 shape. A real bargain. E. Bills, phone 306. (cvd)

WANTED—Boarders for meals. Work of any kind, piece, hour or by the day. Apply Mrs. John Lennon, town. (ev)

FOR SALE—One registered Tamworth Boar, also one registered Hereford Bull. W. Urquhart, R602. (cyd)

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